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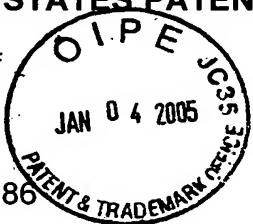
In re Patent Application of

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For: AVIRULENT STRAINS OF  
XANTHOMONAS CAMPESTRIS  
WHICH PRODUCE XANTHAN



**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: